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SENATOR CHAMBERS: You can give the answer then I'll be through answering the questions.

SENATOR MARVEL: Alright, now. This I eluded to, but maybe I didn't clarify it when I talked a few minutes ago and that is that one of the things that may have agitated some people was the fact that lets say when \$225,000 was recommended this would be all that could be spend on that project for this next year but that in turn is the beginning of a six million dollar project. So what we would propose to do in this capital construction area would be to try and identify what the total cost is and then this is a portion of that total cost so there is no attempt to try to camouflage anything.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thanks Senator Marvel...

SENATOR MARVEL: That I think was not incorporated in that article.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I just have a comment of my own now. Senator Carpenter said earlier that he was in favor of determining needs and then finding out how much they would cost and I would agree with that approach. If I could be sure that there would be enough votes in the legislature, to follow this approach and follow it out throughout the session, I would not have any comments today or any other time about the issue until we have dealt with specific bills to see how the body would vote. After watching what the legislature did last session and other sessions that I have been here, there are times when the mood is very strongly in favor of a certain position the body will go that direction then not stand. Last year I made a mistake when the vote was taken to accept the Governor's budget without change. I voted against the proposition. I was on the losing side so I was not in a position to ask for reconsideration. I think that the legislature would sometimes be stung and taking a position which is not completely wise, which is based on a feeling of the moment and if a cooling off period is allowed when more information can be gathered there can be additional discussion. Perhaps that decision would be modified or vacated all together. On the vote to kill 957, 907 of whatever it was, 597, I did not vote. Had I voted I would have had to vote against killing it. I would have lost. Had I voted to sustain the kill, I would have had to go through all the explaining of this is for purposes of reconsideration and starting new discussion. So I have a motion up on the desk to reconsider that kill action but I want it laid over. I want to see if I can detect which direction the legislature is really going to go in reference to the determination of needs and how far we would go in terms of appropriating money necessary by whatever means to satisfy those needs. If the body does not seem in my opinion to be acting in sincerity with reference to what is best for the state and in terms of satisfying these needs that we established by the bills that we tried to get past, then I will try to get a reconsideration of that bill and Have the income tax level restored to 13%. The only reason I would do that is to have some kind of action taken that will break the log jam, I know that there are only 23 days, but we are going to have to utilize that time to do something and as Abraham Lincoln said when the war was upon them, A crisis must be reached and passed. I think that each year the legislature faces a crisis

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